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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7577

INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, MY

SUBJ: EXPORT DUTY ON PROCESSED TIMBER WAIVED

REF: KUALA LUMPUR A-72

1. GOM ANNOUNCED THAT FIVE PER CENT EXPORT DUTY ON ALL PROCESSED TIMBER PRODUCTS, EXCEPT SAWN TIMBER, WAIVED EFFECTIVE JULY 20. ACTION RESULTED FROM IMPROVED

SUPPLY TO MEET DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS AND DROP-OFF IN WORLD DEMAND REPORTEDLY DUE TO DETERIORATION IN WORLD MARKET FOR PRODUCTS, INCLUDING VENEER, PLYWOOD AND PARQUET FLOORING.

2. EXPORT DUTY ON SAWN TIMBER REMAINS, SINCE OBJECTIVE OF GOM IS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER DOMESTIC PROCESSING AND VALUE ADDED IN PRODUCTION OF TIMBER PRODUCTS. CONTINUANCE OF DUTY HAS PROMPTED SAWN TIMBER EXPORTERS TO APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR WAIVER, CITING INCREASE IN COST OF LOGS BY MORE THAN 100 PER CENT, HIGH UNCLASSIFIED

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COSTS OF PRODUCTION, COSTS OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS

FOR TIMBER INDUSTRY.

3. WAIVER APPEARS PROPITIOUSLY TIMED, SINCE PROCESSED  
WOOD PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN STACKING UP IN VARIOUS MILLS  
AROUND COUNTRY (SEE REFERENCE) AND INDUSTRY WAS BECOMING  
ALARMED AT LOSS OF MARKETS TO EXPORTERS FROM SINGAPORE,  
TAIWAN AND KOREA, WHO WERE NOT SUBJECTED TO SIMILAR DUTIES.  
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